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No copies of the listed U.S. patent references or the listed U.S. patent application publication references have been included herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). All other references have been provided as required. Consideration and entry into the record of the listed references is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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I, Holger Potten, associated with the preparation and prosecution of the above-identified application, residing at Neubiberger Straße 17a, 81737 München, Germany, wish to call the attention of the Patent Examiner to the references enumerated on the enclosed PTO Form-1449.

I believe the documents enumerated on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and attached thereto, are cited in the enclosed International Search Report and may be material to the examination of the application.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement be considered by the Examiner and incorporated into the file of this application.

I wish to comment as follows concerning the prior art references enumerated on PTO Form-1449:

US 6,020,184, cited in the International Search Report, is already in English language.

GRAIVER ET AL.: "A Review of the Fate and Effects of Silicones in the Environment", Journal of Polymers and the Environment, Vol.11, No. 4, October 2003, Pages 129 – 136, cited in the application, is already in English language.

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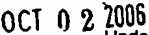
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Signed this 31 day of August, 2006.



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